

**Enhance Our Environment Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2023**

**8:00PM -9:00PM**

Committee Meeting Link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83948242334?pwd=cy8yY09CQUp0REtiWjkzbkpDTW9UUT09>  
Passcode: 531215

1. **Opening** 
   1. The monthly Enhancing our Environment was called to order by Soror Alyce Howell (Committee Co-Chair) on May 4, 2023, at 8:10 pm.
   2. A word of prayer was given by Soror Alyce Howell.
   3. Soror Alyce Howell reminded committee members to submit their seed planting photos taken on April 22, 2023, onto a Google link for usage in the TEO newsletter and scrapbook.
   4. Soror Alyce Howell passed the meeting to Soror Tina Walcott (Committee Co-Chair) for discussion regarding projected community service activities and tentative dates.
2. **Business**
   1. Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
      1. Project was scheduled to occur at the end of April. Waiting for training and authorization forms from Habitat for Humanity prevented event from occurring.
      2. Project has been placed on hold for future discussion and assignment to a new project coordinator.
   2. College Park Nursing Facility
      1. Soror Zion has been in touch with Ms. Boyd. Ms. Boyd suggested a donation of 20 hanging plants for residents to hang near their windows.
      2. Individual hanging plants cost between $17-$40 at Home Depot and Lowes.
      3. Committee members suggested donating low maintenance plants be donated for residents to care for.
      4. Soror Sylvia will compile a list of low maintenance plants.
      5. Soror Tina and Soror Zion will get together next week to select plants from Lowes and Home Depot.
      6. Soror Zion will contact Ms. Boyd within the next week to plan an activity drop-off in June 2023.
   3. Arbor Terrance
      1. Soror Alyce Howell discussed the garden located at Arbor Terrance, along with plans for the committee to spruce it up with vegetables and flowers.
      2. Soror Alyce Howell proposed an activity to have Arbor Terrance residents paint flowerpots for the garden.
      3. Small or medium flowerpots, seeds, soil need to be purchased for activity with the residents to occur.
      4. Soror Alyce will talk with the activity director within the next week to get activity dates scheduled for Thursday, June 8 and Thursday, June 15, 2023.
   4. Recycling at Chapter Meeting
      1. Soror Crystal Hilton suggested the committee place recycling bins at the at the next Chapter meeting, May 20, 2023.
      2. Soror Tina will place pink recycling bins at the next Chapter meeting for plastic water bottles to be collected.
      3. Soror Alyce, Tina, Crystal will take the collected material meeting to a recycling facility.
      4. Soror Tina will ask Soror Kay and Soror Retina to assist with suggestions regarding marketing the chapter recycling project via announcements in TEO Express & Pearl Points.
   5. Shredding and Electronics Recycling Day
      1. Soror Sherida is working on speaking with Mr. Butler, Councilmen in East Point, for potential partnership with shredding.
      2. East Point Fire Department has been suggested as a potential event location.
      3. Tentative activity date for June 2023.
   6. Metro Atlanta Urban Farm
      1. Soror Catrice has been in touch with Bobby Wilson, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm CEO, regarding purchasing a plot for a TEO community garden.
      2. Cost for a 10ft by 20ft plot is $15 per month. Bobby Wilson recommended the committee buy 3 plots for $45 per month, $540 for an entire year.
         1. Included in the $540 are 3 plots, a key to the back gate, soil, seeds, and water.
         2. Can come in and out of the garden as the committee pleases.
      3. Soror Catrice will get the contract for the plots on this upcoming weekend.
         1. Soror Catrice will give contract to Soror Tina, who will share the contract with Soror Kay to get Soror Suzette’s approval and signature.
   7. Partnership with AKAdetts
      1. Soror Natasha Jones informed the committee the potential partnership with AKAdetts to plants trees for Earth Day has passed.
      2. Another partnership with AKAdetts has been tabled for Fall 2023.
   8. Hands on Atlanta
      1. Soror Tina will be in touch with Soror Rae regarding this project.
   9. Waste Reduction
      1. Project had been placed in hold due to full scheduled calendar.
   10. Carpooling with Omada Groups
       1. Committee suggested informing TEO members of this initiative through Omada group leaders, TEO Express, and Pearl Points.
       2. Soror Tina will get approval from Soror Kay Scott.
3. **Adjournment** 
   1. Soror Tina reiterated to the committee the importance of uploading pictures for the digital scrapbook.
   2. Soror Alyce reminded committee members to register for Members Click in order to receive notifications.
   3. Soror Alyce closed the meeting out with a word of prayer.
   4. Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.